

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 144

March 31, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Encourages the Department of Environment and Conservation to study, inventory, and assess the condition of all governmental and industrial collection and retention ponds in Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$5,000,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- The fiscal impact assumes that the action urged by this resolution will be implemented and reflects the cost of implementation.
- TDEC cannot perform the study with the current staff due to the number of sites involved. TDEC estimates the number of these ponds state-wide to number in the thousands.
- At least 5,000 site visits would be required by registered structural engineers. Each site visit would require at least eight hours of work at an estimated cost of \$125 per hour. The increase in state expenditures is therefore estimated to exceed \$5,000,000 (5,000 x 8 x \$125 = \$5,000,000).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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